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1. SUMMARY. AS REPORTED REFTEL, FOUR MAJOR URUGUAYAN DAILIES CLOSELY FOLLOWED ANGOLA EVENTS. SOVIET-CUBAN INTERVENTION IS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST HERE IN LIGHT OF GOU BELIEF THAT THOSE TWO COUNTRIES INTERFERE IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS. EL PAIS, URUGUAY'S LARGEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER, CARRIED LEAD EDITORIAL JANUARY 21 TITLED, "PUPPET INTERVENTION OF CUBA", BLASTING THAT COUNTRY'S ROLE IN ANGOLA. END SUMMARY

2. CUBA, SAYS EL PAIS, HAS BEEN INTERVENING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE COUNTRIES FOR YEARS, SENDING ARMS TO REVOLUTIONARY GROUPS AND TRAINING GUERRILLAS. "NOW, UNPREDICTABLY, CUBA HAS GONE MUCH FURTHER. NOBODY KNOWS IF IT (THE INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA) WAS TO INCREASE CUBA'S PRESTIGE AMONGST THE REVOLUTIONARIES OF THE WORLD OR TO GIVE FREE REIGN TO ITS ILLUSIONS OF GRANDEUR. ONE THING FOR SURE IS THAT FIDEL CASTRO DECIDED TO ADD TO HIS INTERNATIONAL STATURE BY INTERVENING IN ANGOLA."

3. "AND SOMETHOUSANDS OF KILOMETERS FROM ITS TERRITORY, CUBAN 'VOLUNTEERS' (5,000 10,000?) ARE FILLING THE RANKS OF MPLA."

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4. "CUBA IS NOW ACTING AS A WORLD POWER. IT'S LAUGHABLE BUT THAT'S THE WAY IT IS. WITH A COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ECONOMY, THE ISLAND CONTINUES TO BE SUBJUGATED BY CASTROISM THROUGH THE INJECTION OF MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS PER DAY PROVIDED BY THE SOVIET UNION. WITHOUT THE GO-AHEAD AND BACKING OF MOSCOW, NOT A SINGLE CUBAN SOLDIER WOULD HAVE LANDED IN THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONY. FROM ARMS TO ILLYSUHIN 62S, CUBA IS THE PUPPET WHICH REPRESENTS SOVIET INTERVENTION."

5. EL PAIS CONCLUDES, "...IT CONTINUES TO GIVE ONE CAUSE FOR REFLECTION THAT AFTER THE BLOODY WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND THE FAILURE (FOR THE TIME BEING) OF THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN PORTUGAL, THERE BEGINS ANOTHER WAR IN ANGOLA WHICH IS CAUSE FOR CONCERN."

6. "COMMUNISM CONTINUES TO EXERCISE THE INITIATIVE AND IN CASE IT TRIUMPHS IN ANGOLA THE SOVIET UNION WILL HAVE NAVAL BASES IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC, DISTURBING PROXIMITY TO SOUTH AFRICA, AND GREAT QUANTITIES OF UNDERGROUND RESOURCES."
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